

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10 (Canceled).

22. (Previously Presented): A method of managing reagents used in an analyzer, comprising the steps of:

monitoring consumption status of said reagents so as to receive information on said consumption status,

analyzing said consumption status of said reagents according to reagent suppliers and said reagents supplied by said reagent suppliers, based on planned information of said consumption status, and

transmitting said consumption status of said reagents or supply management information thereof to a management unit of said analyzer or a supply management unit of said reagent suppliers.

23. (Previously Presented): A method of managing reagents used in an analyzer, comprising the steps of:

monitoring consumption status of said reagents so as to receive information on said consumption status,

analyzing said consumption status of said reagents according to reagent suppliers and said reagents supplied by said reagent suppliers, based on planned information of said consumption status, and

transmitting said consumption status of said reagents or supply management information thereof to a management unit of said analyzer and a

supply management unit of a reagent vendor for relaying it to said reagent suppliers.

24. (Currently Amended): A method of managing reagents used in an analyzer, comprising the steps of

- monitoring consumption status of said reagents and transmitting said consumption status monitored,
- receiving information on said consumption status,
- analyzing said consumption status of said reagents according to reagent suppliers and said reagents supplied by said reagent suppliers, based on planned information of said consumption status,
- transmitting said consumption status of said reagents and supply management information of said ~~reagent~~ reagents to a management unit of said analyzer, a supplying management unit of said reagent suppliers or a supplying management unit of a reagent vendor,
- confirming said ~~a~~ supply status based on said supply management information of said reagent, and
- requesting payment in consideration of use of said information in monitoring said consumption status and in analyzing said consumption status of said reagents, from an analyzer administrator, said reagent suppliers or said reagent vendor.

25 - 27. (Canceled)